**Irregularities in the loading of coal in CCL**

*99. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that coal traders in the Central Coalfields Limited deposit money for cheapest variety of coal but manage to get loaded costlier variety of coal;

(b) whether this is within the knowledge of the Chief Managing Director of the Company; and

(c) whether Government propose to make an enquiry into this irregularity?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MORD. KHAN): (a) and (b) No. Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

**Manufacture and Import of Lubricating Oil**

*100. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the policy of Government with regard to increasing the manufacturing capacity of lubricating oil; and

(b) what is the quantity of lubricating oil being manufactured in India at present and what is the quantity imported during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) The Policy of the Government is to increase the manufacturing capacity of finished lubricants to match demand so as to maintain self-sufficiency of these oils in the country.

(b) The finished lubricating oil production in the country is currently (1989-90) approximately 878 thousand MTs. The actual quantity of imports during the last three years is as under:

(Figures in '000' MTs)

| Year | Quantity Imported |
|---|---|
| 1987-88 . . | 1.5 |
| 1988-89 . . | 3.3 |
| 1989-90 . . | 1.9 (estimated) |

**Manufacturing of Iodised salt**

271. SHRI JITENDRABHAI LABHSHANKER BHATT: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) which States in the country have banned the usage of non-iodised salt;

(b) how much iodised salt has been manufactured in different States during the last three years (State-wise); and

(c) what are the names of the major producers of iodised salt and what is their production?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) The State Governments of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Bihar, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Madhya Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Punjab, Sikkim, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh and U.T. Administrations of Chandigarh, Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Delhi have completey banned the sale and distribution of non-iodised salt.

The State Governments of Gujarat, Maharashtra and West Bengal have imposed ban on the sale and distribution of non-iodised salt in some districts.

(b) The details regarding manufacture of iodised salt in different States during the last three years are given in the Statement attached. (*See* below).

(c) There are three major producers of iodised salt in the country viz. M/s. Hindustan Salts Ltd., M/s. Sambhar Salts Ltd. & M/s Tata Chemicals Ltd. The production details of these units during the last three years are as under:—

(Figures in 000' tonnes)

| Sl. No. | Name of the Unit | Production | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 1987 | 1988 | 1989 |
| 1. | M/s. Hindustan Salts Ltd. | 76.2 | 79.6 | 90.00 |
| 2. | M/s. Sambhar Salt Ltd. | 23.9 | 50.0 | 46.3 |
| 3. | M.s. Tata Chemicals Ltd. | 175.8 | 141.2 | 139.1 |

**Statement**

Production (in Thousand tonnes)

| Sl. No. | Name of the State | 1987 | 1988 | 1989 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Rajasthan | 286.2 | 408.0 | 497.6 |
| 2. | Gujarat | 1043.3 | 1605.2 | 1611.3 |
| 3. | West Bengal | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| 4. | Assam | 6.1 | 2.3 | 2.7 |
| 5. | Tamil Nadu | 13.7 | 25.9 | 15.4 |
| 6. | Himachal Pradesh | 0.8 | 1.6 | 1.2 |
| 7. | Uttar Pradesh | 6.4 | 5.6 | 9.6 |
| 8. | Andhra Pradesh | 2.0 | 12.3 | 29.5 |
| 9. | Bihar | 3.0 | 1.1 | 0.08 |
| 10. | Maharashtra | 5.3 | 10.8 | 10.4 |